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TO: MRS. ALBERT KLEIN
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SUBJ: DEATH OF ALBERT KLEIN

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1. IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH
OF YOUR HUSBAND, ALBERT KLEIN.
2. JAMES PAINTER INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT LIMA ON
JUNE 29 OF HIS DEATH BY A FALL FROM HUSCARAN MOUNTAIN, PRESUMABLY
ON JUNE 26 OR 27. YOUR HUSBAND AND TWO OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS
CLIMBING TEAM WERE SEEN ON THE WEST SUMMIT OF THE MOUNTAIN ON
MONDAY, JUNE 26 AND
ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27 TWO OTHER CLIMBING TEAMS,
ONE SWISS AND ONE PERUVIAN-AMERICAN, SAW THE SUMMIT AND SAW THE
BODY OF A MAN WHICH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY MR. PAINTER AS BEING
YOUR HUSBAND'S LYING BELOW THE SUMMIT. THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS OF THE
PARTY HAVE NOT AS YET BEEN FOUND. IT IS PRESUMED BY MR. PAINTER
THAT THEY ALSO HAVE FALLEN. IT TOOK UNTIL LATE WEDNESDAY FOR THE
CLIMBING TEAMS TO REACH THE BASE CAMP WHERE MR. PAINTER WAS
STAYING AND UNTIL LATE THURSDAY AFTERNOON FOR MR. PAINTER TO
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REACH THE TOWN OF HUARAZ WHERE HE COULD CALL THE EMBASSY. MR.
PAINTER HAS RETURNED TO THE SITE TO HELP WITH RECOVERY EFFORTS.
MESSAGES CAN BE LEFT FOR HIM AT THE HOTEL BARCELONA IN HUARAZ,
TEL 2179. THE PERUVIAN POLICE (GUARDIA CIVIL) ARE ASSEMBLING
A RESCUE TEAM IN HUARAZ TO ASSIST IN SEARCH AND RECOVERY EFFORTS.
AN EMBASSY OFFICER WILL ARRIVE IN HUARAZ JULY 1 TO ASSIST IN
COORDINATION OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION. SEARCH AND

RECOVERY EFFORTS HAVE UNFORTUNATELY NOT ALWAYS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OTHER CLIMBING ACCIDENTS ON HUASCARAN DUE TO THE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TERRAIN. CONSULAR OFFICERS AND MR. PAINTER ESTIMATE THAT IT MAY BE AT LEAST JULY 3 BEFORE THE RESULTS OF THE JOINT EFFORTS ARE FULLY KNOWN. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OR THE DUTY OFFICER OF THIS POST BY PHONE 1768-6000 IN LIMA.

3. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED FOR URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER RELEASE OF THE REMAINS BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR HUSBAND'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE NORTHERN UNITED STATES WOULD COST \$1800. CREMATION AND

SHIPMENT OF REMAINS OF U.S. WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$500. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$250. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS \$380. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE AND DO NOT INCLUDE COSTS INCURRED BY MR. PAINTER FOR RECOVERY OF THE BODY.

4. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS (A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, LIMA, PERU AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT IS DESIRED, (B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520, CLEARLY MARKED WITH NAME OF DECEASED. (C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

5. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. UPON COMPLETION OF THE NECESSARY FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY OUR OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

6. YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND DESIRE TO BE OF ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO YOU IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
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